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Sri A. RATNAM :—" ஹரிஜனங்கள் சம்பந்தமாக மாதாமாதம் பம்பாயிலிருந்து பேப்பர் ரிபோர்ட்கள் வருகின்றனவா ? என்ன ரிபோர்ட்டு வருகிறது என்று மந்திரி அவர்கள் பதில் சொல்லுவார்களா ?"

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I do not know what reliance can be placed on reports received from Bombay with reference to incidents happening in our area here. But anyhow, if it happens to be useful information, certainly I would make use of it."

Thefts and losses in the Public Works Department Workshop and Stores.

* 851 *Q.*— Sri O. VENKATASUBBA REDDI (on behalf of Sri T. P. Elumalai) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state— 8–30 a.m.

(*a*) whether the Government have received copies of any resolutions passed by the Executive Committee of the Public Works Department Workers' Union in May and June 1953 making mention of several thefts and losses in the Public Works Department Workshop and Stores and several irregularities committed every now and then by the authorities of the said workshop and stores; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

The Hon. Raja Sri SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (*a*) & (*b*) The Government received certain resolutions of this committee relating to the service grievances of the workers. It was also alleged that there were thefts of articles and tools from workshop. It was found on investigation that these so-called thefts referred to one solitary case of the loss of 59 obsolete silver badges. Action is being taken to recover the cost of these badges from those responsible for their loss."

B.C.G. Campaign in the City.

* 852 *Q.*—Sri N. K. PALANISAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is now any B.C.G. Campaign in this State;

(*b*) if so, in which parts of the State this campaign is conducted;

(*c*) how much money has been collected by selling tuberculosis seals during 1953–54; and

(*d*) how much money has been spent for the campaign in 1953–54?

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) In Madras City only.

" (*c*) The Tuberculosis Seal Sale Campaign, 1953–54, the fourth of the series, started on 2nd October 1953 and terminated on 26th January 1954. The District Organizations are collecting the sale-proceeds from various agencies in their

respective districts and their reports are still awaited. It is too soon to assess the total collections in this State for the 1953–54 Campaign. The interim reports from a few districts show that the amount collected so far is about Rs. 18,600. The estimate of total collections may be about Rs. 30,000 to Rs. 40,000.

"(d) No information is available at present. It will take some months before the accounts are finalised and the total collection in this State is known."

SRI N. K. PALANISAMI :—" இந்தத் திட்டத்தை மாகாணம் பூராவும் விஸ்தரிப்பதற்கு மத்திய சர்க்காரிடமிருந்து மாகாண சர்க்கார் மான்யம் கேட்டிருக்கிறார்களா ? அப்படிக் கொடுத்தால் கொடுக்கக்கூடிய பணத்தை வைத்துக்கொண்டு எவ்வளவு செண்டர்களில் பி.சி.ஜி. காம்பெயின் நடத்த சர்க்கார் உத்தேசித்திருக்கிறது ? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The Government of India have been asking this Government to extend the B.C.G. Campaign to the mufassal places. Now proposals have been called for with regard to the starting of a mobile B.C.G. team in the West Coast. We are also considering the extension of the B.C.G. Campaign to municipal towns where the municipalities are prepared to bear the expenditure."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" May I know whether any grant has been given to this Government by the Central Government for this campaign? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" No grant has been received."

SRI N. K. PALANISAMI :—" இந்த காம்பெயின் செண்டர்களை எந்தெந்த இடங்களில் ஏற்படுத்துவதற்கு சர்க்கார் உத்தேசித்திருக்கிறது ? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" I think the municipalities of Madurai, Coimbatore, Mangalore and Tiruchirappalli have agreed to bear the expenditure for this B.C.G. Campaign and we are considering the question."

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" In view of the fact that tuberculosis is a fell disease and is prevalent in almost all the places in the State, will the Government include in the Five-year Plan a scheme for carrying on an intensive campaign against it? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" That is the idea."

Conviction of women under the Madras Prohibition Act.

* 853 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state the number of women convicted under the Madras Prohibition Act during the year 1952–53?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" 5,636."